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On Behalf Of: Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB767

I am writing to strongly oppose SB767 because of the impact it will have on charter schools like Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School. This school has been forced to suddenly move because the district is taking the building we are currently housed in (without sufficient notice also!) and it is hard to find a location that will fit 17 classrooms on short notice in the area where we are in. We have found a location that will fit our almost 400 students that is just outside of the current district boundary - by just 1000 feet! This location will also increase access to our school as we are currently housed out in a rural area that has no public transportation, while the new location is more centrally located and has a bus stop just in front of the school. It will also let us serve an even more diverse population that we have at the moment as we will be close to the Rockwood area which is presently underserved, and increasing access to quality Montessori education is part of our goals moving forward. In the 14 years this school has been in existence, it has provided an important educational resource for so many families and that is what we want to continue to do!